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**PATENT**

**Attorney Docket No. NTI-019-2**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application	)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
Inventor(s): Christophe Pierrat et al.	)	
Application No.: 09/675,197	)	Art Unit: 2812
Filed: 09/29/2000	)	Examiner: unknown
Title "Dissection Of Edges With Projection Points In A Fabrication Layout For Correcting Proximity Effects"	)	

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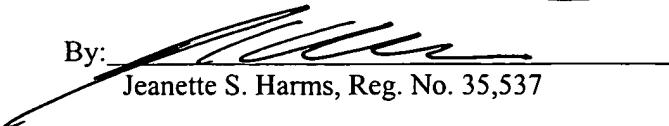
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